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Press Release

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Pennsylvania Milk Production Down Slightly in September

HARRISBURG --- Milk production in **Pennsylvania** during September 2002 totaled 857 million pounds, 0.8 percent below last year's production, according to the Pennsylvania Agricultural Statistics Service (PASS). The number of milk cows in the state during the month averaged 587,000 head, down 9,000 head from September 2001, but up 2,000 head from August 2002. Production per cow averaged 1,460 pounds in September, 55 pounds less than August but up 10 pounds from September 2001.

Milk production in the **20 major states surveyed** during September 2002 totaled 11.8 billion pounds, up 3.3 percent from production in these same states during September 2001. August revised production, at 12.2 billion pounds, was up 4.1 percent from August 2001. The number of milk cows averaged 7.79 million head, 56,000 head more than September 2001, but 4,000 head less than August 2002. Production per cow averaged 1,510 pounds for September, 38 pounds above September of last year.